Hello Campers and Parents!

Welcome to your 2010 summer camping season! Summertime is fast approaching and we are looking forward to a fun filled camp week July 5-9 at 4-H Camp Ocala. We are glad you will be joining us this year! Campers have an exciting week of outdoor recreation and educational activities planned for them this summer. Our theme this year is “Who’s Your Superhero?”. During this week of camp you will have fun discovering; Who is your Superhero? Maybe it is you, your counselor, a staff member. Activities include canoeing, outdoor survival, recreation, archery and many other fun adventures.

Enclosed you will find the necessary forms for camp. Please thoroughly read, complete, and return all forms included. A description of required forms is listed below. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us prepare a great camp for you! See Ya There SuperHero!!!

- **Registration Form** - Basic information to attend Camp
- **4-H Participation Form**  Brief health history & Code of Conduct.
- **Permission Form For Administration of Medication** Please turn in whether or not medicine is listed. (Include in a ziplock bag with child’s name when you check in at camp.)
- **Cell Phone Policy Agreement**
- **Cabin Assignment Request/Graffiti Policy Agreement** If camper has a buddy with whom he/she would like to bunk. Please use this form to request cabin assignment. Same age and gender please.
- **Summer Food Service Form**  - If you do not wish to participate, please write, “DECLINED” across the form. If participating, this form must be completed to be eligible to receive the free/reduced lunch discounted camp fee. A signature is required on this form.

Included is a Packing Checklist - This will assist parents/guardians in helping their camper pack for camp.

*Please Note: All completed forms and $25 deposit must be received in the office on or before June 7th!!!

See Ya There 😊
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Frequently Asked Questions about Florida 4-H Camping

What is the 4-H camp mission, philosophy, and program emphasis?
The mission of the Florida 4-H camping program is to help develop life skills in youth through experiential education in a camping environment. Research has shown camping helps kids build life skills in a safe atmosphere while having fun. We offer outdoor adventure, environmental education and more, geared toward the positive growth of our youth.

Who works at 4-H Camp?
Each camp has a permanent Resident Director and seasonal program director to facilitate camp activities. Summer camp program staff are hired based on experience and qualifications, and screened through personal interviews, reference checks and background checks. All staff members participate in intensive pre-camp training to prepare them for the camping season. Program staff comes from the U.S. and overseas, bringing diversity and cultural richness to the 4-H camping experience. The Resident Directors are:

4-H Camp Ocala: Shawn Baltzell

How are behavioral and disciplinary problems handled at 4-H camp?
Behavioral expectations and consequences are communicated through the 4-H Code-of-Conduct, which campers and parents/guardians must sign prior to camp. During camp, expectations for behavior are reviewed the first day, and good behavior is facilitated through positive reinforcement and role-modeling. Corporal punishment is never allowed at 4-H camp. Contact your local 4-H Extension Agent for more information regarding this question.

How do I send mail to my child at camp?
Camper mail is distributed every day, usually during mealtimes. To ensure mail is received before the end of the camp week, please place items in the mail the weekend before your child attends camp, no later than the Monday of camp week. Camper names should be clearly legible. All mail arriving later than your child’s Friday departure from camp will be returned to sender. Camp addresses is below.

4-H Camp Ocala 18533 NFS 535  Altoona, FL 32702 (352) 759-2288

In the event of an emergency at home, how do I contact my child?
Please call the camp’s main office number listed above in the event of an emergency. County extension staff will be able to bring your child to the office for the call. Each facility’s voicemail offers a secondary phone number to call for emergencies occurring outside of normal office hours.

Can I pick my child up early from camp?
For safety reasons and so all campers may enjoy the entire 4-H camping experience, campers are encouraged to arrive on time, not miss mid-week days, or leave camp early. We enjoy having each camper fully participate from the beginning to the closing of each camp week.

Why aren’t cell phones, MP3’s, IPODs, Gameboys and other electronics allowed at camp?
Use of personal electronic devices during camp encourages campers to be solitary and sedentary, which clashes with what camp is all about -- developing social skills, building new relationships, sharing traditions, appreciating nature, and being physically active. At camp, these expensive items get lost, broken, stolen or dropped in the water and in the case of phones shared with other campers, resulting in charges you weren't expecting. More importantly, a child who is focused on using the device may miss out on learning something new, or worse, may lose concentration during an activity and be injured. We believe camp without electronics is the best policy for everyone involved.

For more information, please visit the Florida 4-H Camping website at http://www.florida4h.org/camps/